GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Low Cost Tablet to Students
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had started any scheme to provide low cost tablets to students during the years between 2005 and 2014;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) the total number of students and other youth who had deposited 3,000 rupees under the said scheme;
(d) the number of persons out of the above whom Akash Tablet was delivered; and
(e) the plans of the Government regarding the persons who are yet to get the tablet?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)

(a) & (b) Under the National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (NMEICT) the project for development of Low Cost Access Device (LCAD) was implemented by the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay in April, 2012 for the purpose of optimization of hardware and software testing. The IIT Bombay had procured 1,00,000 tablets after fine tuning the technical specifications and distributed it to students and teachers in 336 institutions across the country. The procurement was completed on 29.05.2013. The Aakash Tablet project has been completed and closed in March, 2015.
(c) to (e) Ministry of Human Resource Development has not started any such scheme under which students and other youth deposited Rs. 3,000/- for delivery of Aakash Tablets. The Tablets were distributed free of cost to students and teachers for the purpose of testing.
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